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Council Preoccupied Primarily By Policing Problems and Policies

by Bill Rowland

Greenbelt's Police Department became a center of council's attention during the February 23 meeting, as the result of a recent newsletter article, two citizen letters to council, a citizen petition, and an agenda item added by a member of council.

The council had expressed dismay at its previous regular meeting about an article in the "Greenbriar Crier," a quarterly newsletter distributed to Greenbriar residents. The article urged its readers to pressure council to fill a vacancy on the police force which council had supposedly delayed filling, and to pass a municipal infractions ordinance; and further urged the readers to use their votes to bring political pressure on council. The article seemed to attribute these views to city police officers who had presented a Crimestoppers program for Greenbriar residents.

At the request of council, City Manager James Giese had sent a letter to Robert C. Zugby, President of the Greenbriar Recreation Association. Giese expressed his objection to the article, which he called "both factually incorrect and unfair to the Greenbelt City Council. It repeatedly states as recommendations of the Police Department matters which are not recommendations of that department . . ."

Zugby was present at the Feb. 23 meeting. He told council that the article was not an attempt to cover the subject journalistically, inasmuch as the newsletter has no reporters. It was instead a letter from a resident, produced from memory without notes. It was intended in part to aid a voter registration drive in Greenbriar, and, said Zugby, the writer used examples which are "classroom devices" to present views about what

the residents could accomplish.

Zugby emphasized that despite what the article said, no one wants the Police Department or the city council to move to Greenbriar; and the residents do not feel alienated from the city—"Greenbriar is not about to secede from the City of Greenbelt." Zugby told council that the letter to him from Giese will be printed in full, without comment, in the next issue of the "Greenbriar Crier." (Giese's letter is published elsewhere in this issue.)

Councilman Thomas White expressed the view that the community should be galvanized with "facts, not mis-facts." Mayor Gil Weidenfeld added that there would have been no problem if the author had written the material in the form of a letter, rather than as though it were a news report.

A result of the Greenbriar newsletter article had been to cast some shadow on the officers involved in the Crimestoppers program. Zugby said he thought the officers did an excellent job, and he would like to hear some support for them. He was echoed in these views by Donald Schell, a member of Greenbriar's Phase I Board and Security Officer for Phase I. Councilman Charles Schwan responded, "The police officers are not in dire need of protection. . . . We're proud of them." Weidenfeld added that the officers "deserve our thanks" for putting on the Crimestoppers program.

Greenbriar Citizen Letter

Subsequent to publication of the Greenbriar newsletter article, a resident of Springhill Lake, Barbara R. Cho, had written an indignant "Open Letter to the Greenbelt City Council." In this letter (a copy of which was published in the Feb. 19 News Review), Cho accused council of "at best the repressive politics practiced by dictatorships" and of conducting a

"kangaroo court" in its attempts to find out whether the newsletter article had or had not correctly attributed statements to the police officers. She proposed that council "candidly answer the questions raised at these meetings."

After determining that Cho was not in the audience for the Feb. 23 council meeting, the council agreed that City Manager Giese should send Cho an information copy of his letter to Zugby together with several city staff memoranda in which the police officers and others recalled what was said during the Crimestoppers presentation for Greenbriar.

R.S.V.P.

The next agenda item was another citizen letter concerning the Police Department. A resident of Lakewood gave a detailed written description of a recent incident in which he observed a suspicious person and in which the police were called. The resident asked that the city give him a written report on the disposition of the incident, as an indication of appreciation for his performance of a civic duty.

City Manager Giese told council that the resident had never made a formal complaint to the Police Department regarding the incident; and that he had not identified himself in his several calls to the police. Giese said it is not customary for the Police Department to give written reports to citizens. As to implications in the letter of slow response by the police, Giese noted that the police were searching for the suspicious person in one area while the resident was in another location. The police did find the person, determined that he was a former mental patient who seemed disturbed, and took him to a hospital.

Mayor Weidenfeld and Councilmen White and Schwan agreed that the city staff should consider at least a simple "form" response from the Police Department to citizens who attempt to help the police. The council members suggested that this would be good public relations and a way of helping to enlist public assistance for the police. Councilman Richard Castaldi asked the police chief to consider some kind of "crime solvers" program whereby the details of unsolved crimes would be publicized, and one or more community organizations might offer rewards for citizen help to the police in solving the crimes.

Crime Prevention Program

City Manager Giese recently gave council preliminary raw data on the rates of crime in various categories within the city during 1980. One crime in particular, breaking and entering, showed a significant increase over the preceding two years. The city staff is now doing a statistical study of the data, and the News Review will publish further information when that study is completed.

Mayor Weidenfeld proposed, as See POLICE page 9, col. 1

North End to Close June 30; City Explores Potential Uses

by Leta Mach

On Thursday, February 26, the Prince Georges County School Board voted to close 31 elementary schools in the next three years. Under the consolidation plan, North End Elementary School will close at the end of the current year. Its students will be sent to Greenbelt Center and John Carroll Elementary Schools. Even before the vote, Greenbelters had met to discuss potential uses for the North End facility.

After several amendments to the plan failed, the school board voted to approve the plan as written but reserved the right to make adjustments. The school superintendent was directed to provide population figures, enrollment, and other pertinent information in December of each year for an annual review of the plan. School information officer Kathy Snyder explained that adoption of the plan would provide better instruction and save \$1.8 million in the first year.

When North End is closed, 250 students will be shifted to Greenbelt Center and 62 to John Carroll Elementary School. North End students residing in Greenbelt proper and those residing in Washington Heights at addresses 1101-1123 (odd) of Capitol View Drive and 1101-1105 (odd) of Nalley Road will attend Center. Students living at 1107-1123 (odd) of Nalley Road will attend John Carroll. Another Greenbelt school, Springhill Lake, will receive students when Berwyn Heights Elementary which will also close at the end of the school year is closed.

North End will be officially closed on June 30, 1981. To date, there are no school board plans for the facility. Therefore, the school would be declared surplus and turned over to the Prince Georges County government. Philip Schwartz from the Bureau of Property Management stated that the county is required to no-

tify all county agencies and local political jurisdictions of the availability of the school building. Interested agencies will have sixty days to notify the county of interest, declare a use for the facility, and show financial capability to operate and maintain the facility. If more than one agency expresses interest, the county executive will make a priority recommendation and the county council will make a final decision. The cost of the property would depend on many different factors including any outstanding indebtedness and the proposed use of the property, explained Schwartz.

City Interested

On March 25, over a dozen individuals representing the city, the Community Relations Advisory Board (CRAB), the Park and Recreation Advisory Board (PRAB), the Advisory Planning Board (APB), and the Maryland National Capitol Park and Planning Commission met at the city's request to consider the future of the North End facility. The meeting was chaired by Darwin Beck in his last official act before leaving Greenbelt.

"CRAB feels this is a resource that the city ought to be vitally interested in," he began. He cited the small amount of open space left in Greenbelt and the city's history of acquiring property before a use was known for it. "If the city can't acquire it, the city should be vitally interested in its use," he added. It was re-

See NORTH END page 6

City Okays GHI Request To Support Rehabilitation

by Bill Rowland

Greenbelt Homes Inc. has a new commitment from the City of Greenbelt to support the rehabilitation program with issuance of \$20,600,000 in revenue bonds. The city council delivered this assurance with essentially no discussion and a unanimous 4-0 vote (Councilman Richard Pilski absent) during its February 23 meeting. This new commitment increases by \$3.1 million the size of the bond issue agreed to by the council last October.

The present agreement by council is conditioned on approval by the GHI membership of increased costs associated with the rehabilitation program. These increases result primarily from requirements imposed on GHI to set up contingency funds, and from proposed expansion of the rehabilitation work to be done. GHI staff

has scheduled a Special Membership meeting for the necessary vote, to be held Thursday, March 19, at the Center School auditorium. Informational membership hearings will take place on March 11 at North End School and on March 14 at the Utopia Theater.

GHI also has a commitment from the Maryland Community Development Administration (CDA) for both the temporary and permanent financing of the rehabilitation program. However, GHI and CDA both wanted the premise from the city in case CDA is unable to issue the bonds, or if GHI finds it more advantageous to use a city bond issue rather than one developed by CDA. As Mayor Gil Weidenfeld put it after the council vote had been taken, "OK, GHI, you've got your backup in case you need it."



A gasoline tractor-trailer, overturned on the outer loop of the Beltway near the Greenbelt/NASA exit Friday night, February 27, explodes and sends flames shooting 500 feet high. The Greenbelt Volunteer Fire Department, along with Fire Departments from the surrounding area, was on the scene from 10 p.m. until 3 a.m. the following morning. There were some injuries but, amazingly, no fatalities. Photo by Sandra Henson



PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

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8:00 P.M.

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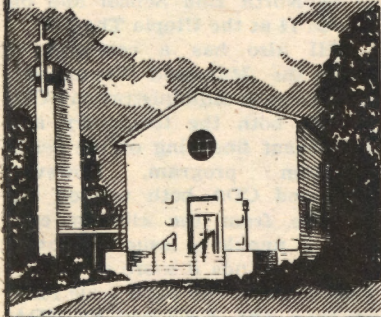
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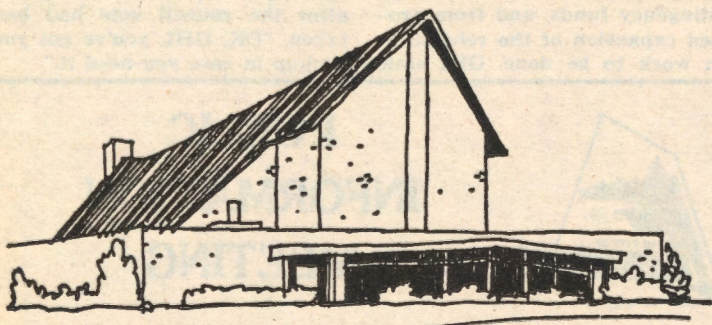
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Sunday School: 9:50 a.m.

Wednesday evening Lenten Services 7:30 p.m.

Edward H. Birner, Pastor

Phone 345-5111

Cable TV?

To the Editor:

I do not understand why the Greenbelt City Council continually drags its feet on the cable TV issue. As of this late date, it has not awarded a franchise to any cable TV sponsor. It has had offers from many reputable companies. However, its unsure and timid attitude seems to prevail, thus preventing any commitment to this issue. The Council was elected to office to serve the citizens of Greenbelt in their best interest. This has not been accomplished involving cable TV! Many other progressive communities such as Arlington, Gaithersburg, Hyattsville, Lanham, and Landover are now or will soon enjoy all the benefits of cable TV. After a franchise is awarded, it would probably take an additional 2 years to actually construct and begin this service. By 1983 most of the county will have the advantage of cable TV but where will Greenbelt be?

David V. Ginsberg

Ammen Descendants

To the Editor:

For several months, I have been trying to track down information on the family of the late Daniel Ammen of "Ammendale", near Beltsville, Md., who saw extensive service in the Union navy during the Civil War and who was a personal friend of President Ulysses S. Grant. According to an entry in the Dictionary of American Biography, Daniel Ammen (whose brother Jacob lived near Beltsville for a time) was twice married, to Mary Jackson and then to Zoe Atocha by whom he had five children. I presume that these children married and in turn had families so that there should be a reasonable number of Ammen descendants today. Ammen himself was born in 1819 or 1820 and died in 1898.

If any of your readers know the whereabouts of any of the direct descendants of Rear Admiral Daniel Ammen of Ammendale, I would be most grateful for such information. I am anxious to learn more about this gentleman's friendship with President Grant, his trip to the Far East in 1868 and, in general, his post-Civil War career. I may be contacted care of the History Department at the University of Scranton, Scranton, PA 18510. I appreciate your assistance very much.

(Dr.) John Q. Feller

Free Class for Seniors

Free rug hooking classes for senior citizens will be offered at the Greenridge House, 22 Ridge Road, March 3 - April 28, 3:30-5 p.m. For more information and registration call 699-2448.

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474-1924

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Earth: Forgetting the Cove-

nant in Creation"

Rev. Richard W. Kelley, Min.

937-3666

Labukas - Merricks

Yotko - Weyel

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Labukas of Lakeside Drive announce the engagement of their daughter, Lynn Marie, to James Allen Merricks, son of former Greenbelters Mr. and Mrs. John Merricks now of Lehigh Acres Florida.

James is a graduate of Parkdale High School and Edison College in Florida. He served three years with the 25th Battalion of the United States Army stationed in Hawaii. Lynn is a graduate of Eleanor Roosevelt High School and is currently enrolled in the Nuclear Medicine

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Yotko of New Carrollton wish to announce the marriage of their daughter, Carolyn Ann, to Richard N. Weyel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Norman Weyel of Greenbelt.

Their wedding, on Saturday, February 28, was followed by a reception at the Lanham Ramada Inn. Upon their return from New York, the newlyweds will be making their home in Greenbelt.

curriculum at Prince Georges Community College. A summer wedding is planned.

City Response to "Crier" Article

Editor's note: In response to a controversial article on the Greenbelt Police Department, which appeared in the "Greenbriar Crier," City Manager James K. Giese sent the following letter to Robert C. Zugby, President of the Greenbriar Recreation Assn. For the information of all Greenbelt residents, we quote the letter in full.

Dear Mr. Zugby:

The City appreciated the recent opportunity afforded its Police Department to present a Crimestopper Program to Greenbriar residents. We are all interested in keeping Greenbelt a safe place in which to live and the disseminating of information on what citizens can do to help prevent crime is an important objective of the Department. I cannot emphasize too strongly the importance of properly securing doors and windows and reporting loiterers and suspicious persons to the Police as means for deterring crime.

However, I must express my objections to the article "Crime Prevention - What Can City Council Do" published in the January-February-March 1981 issue of the Greenbriar Crier. The article is both factually incorrect and unfair to the Greenbelt City Council. It repeatedly states as recommendations of the Police Department matters which are not recommendations of that department and which would be inappropriate for the Police Department to make. The department does not advocate any political action or any policy, and limits its concerns to law enforcement within the City.

The article implies a lack of concern on the part of the City Council for the needs of the Police Department and the safety of the residents of Greenbriar. Nothing could be further from the truth. Greenbelt is one of the few municipalities in Prince Georges County to maintain its own Police Department. The reason for doing so is for the purpose of providing a better level of police protection than is offered by Prince Georges County. Over the past years, during a period of tight budgets, the only city department to be significantly increased in size has been the Police Department. In the past five years, the number of police officers has been increased by 30%. During this same period, the City's population has remained virtually the same and the number of housing units has increased by 16%. The Council clearly indicated that the purpose of the increase in manpower strength was due to the new development taking place east of the Parkway, and for the purpose of assuring that all areas of the City received the same level of police services.

The article blames Council for not filling a recent vacancy in the department. My office and the Police Department are responsible for employing police officers, not the Council. Recruitment was delayed until after the holiday season because experience has shown that before the holidays is a poor time to recruit new employees. Recruitment was in process at the time of the Greenbriar meeting. The selection of new police officers is lengthy, expensive and thorough. We are presently screening 52 applicants.

The article indicates residential areas are neglected for commercial areas. Good police manpower distribution places emphasis upon high crime areas, wherever that may be. Our objective is to reduce the occurrence of crime in all areas of the City. For this reason, we maintain smaller beat patrol areas than most police departments and greater manpower strength. Greenbelt's authorized strength amounts to 1.6 officers per thousand; both Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties have police manpower strength of 1.3 officers per 1,000 population. Prince Georges County Police have concurrent jurisdiction within the City.

The article urges passage of a "municipal infractions" law. The City Council has directed staff to prepare such a law. However, the Maryland Court system is currently instituting two new programs - one for juveniles and one for adults - to simplify the procedures for dealing with minor offenders which Chief Lane and I feel will be more effective than the procedures set forth by the Maryland Infractions Law. These new programs will enable the police to issue summons in lieu of arrests (in other words, tickets) to persons committing minor offenses. The new court programs are expected to reduce paperwork and the time of police officers in dealing with minor offenders. By doing so, they will enable the Department to concentrate more on serious crimes. The City will fully participate in these new programs.

Greenbelt has had one of the lowest crime rates of any metropolitan jurisdiction. However, while overall the number of crimes was about the same during the past year, there was a very significant increase in breaking and enterings. Greenbriar experienced many of those crime incidents, but all other areas of the City suffered as well. The control of crime is a matter of concern throughout the community.

The invitation of Greenbriar to have the Greenbelt Police present a crime stoppers' program is to be commended. I hope this will be a regular event. The publishing of the eight security hints in the Greenbriar Crier was excellent. With the cooperation and support of the citizens of the community, we can keep crime to a minimum.

James K. Giese
 City Manager

Letters to the Editor

THANKS

On behalf of the Greenbelt Cultural Arts Center I would like to thank the Greenbelt Jaycees for the effort put forth in bringing the Gong Show to the Utopia Theater last Saturday night. For the first time in over six months, the side walls were clean, left open to the 160 additional chairs borrowed from the Youth Center. Every night of the week before the performance, Jaycees were selling tickets in advance from the ticket booth of the Utopia. All of the promotions (door prizes) were arranged through the Jaycees. With the help of Paula Lipman, Secretary of the Arts Center, they also did a good percentage of the publicity.

Over 300 attended the event, and over \$500 was raised with half of the proceeds going towards the Arts Center, and the other half going towards the fund-raising drive for Joe Michiline's trip to Olympics for the Deaf in Koln, Germany.

While the event attracted a large audience and raised a substantial amount of money, there were some members of the audience who felt alienated. While the Jaycees made clear that a Gong Show was not a test of talent, it remained to be interpreted by a few that it was just that - a talent show. While we apologize for the confusion, it must be made abundantly clear that both the Greenbelt Jaycees and the Arts Center have been active in sponsoring programs which benefit people of all ages and conditions. The Jaycees has a long-standing commitment towards the Special Olympics, is sponsoring the drive for Joe Michiline and has raised over \$700 in the last year for the Cultural Arts Center. The Arts Center has sponsored the Golden Age Players, has made available rehearsal space for the newly formed Greenbelt Community Theater for the Deaf, and through the Greenbelt Players has provided opportunities for citizens of all ages. In short the Gong Show's quality of ridicule was not meant to be taken personally nor seriously; only the objectives for which the event was held. Both the Arts Center and the Jaycees can take pride in working towards these objectives.

The drive for Joe Michiline is coming to a close rapidly. Approximately \$1750 has been raised of the \$4000 required. Your contribution towards his drive to progress "Up and Over" depends on your involvement and contributions. Please make your checks out to the Joe Michiline Fund, P.O. Box 302, Greenbelt, Maryland.

Konrad Herling

Lundregan - Weiss

Mrs. JoAnn Patterson of Laurel and Charles H. Lundregan of Greenbelt announce the engagement of their daughter, Kimberly Ann Lundregan, to John Francis Weiss, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. Weiss of College Park. No date has been set for the wedding.

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8:15 pm Utopia Theatre

474-7763

Volunteer for Youth

Before I state what I am writing to you about, I want to preface it first. I've been working with -relating to- volunteering myself to the youth of our community since I settled in the Greenbelt area in 1975. I have been a Big Brother volunteer since 1976. I am the current President of the Prince Georges County Council of Big Brothers and a member of the Board of Directors of Big Brothers of the National Capital Area. I am also a member of the Board of Directors and a past officer of the Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club. In other words, I have experience when it comes to our young people, especially in Greenbelt, where there is a high degree of single parent homes.

There is one thing I hate to see worse than a bunch of young people hanging out, smoking, getting high or stoned, and whittling their lives away—doing nothing constructive and not living up to their potential - it's the adults who just want more police and jails to put these young people away in. That's treating the effects, not the cause. Few volunteer to help prevent this stigma of current American life. It is preventable in most cases.

There are a number of youth organizations in the Greenbelt area who are in dire need of volunteers. Some of these organizations need you only a couple hours a month, others a few hours a week. The range of interaction with youth can be anywhere from a one-to-one concept such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters to Scouting, to the Boys and Girls Club, to hot lines or just volunteering behind the scene. The range is unlimited and for the most part young people are great people to associate with. If you want a community where you feel good and comfortable in and where you want to raise your family in, we all must work at it, not complain about it and hope that our police and city officials can do it alone. They can not. Think of the future. Volunteer—our youth need you—our community needs you! There are a million excuses not to volunteer, but none will solve the problem.

Jeffrey B. Keir

GHI Rehab Complaints

The Ad Hoc Committee for Rehab Complaints has changed its meeting night from Wednesday to Tuesday at 8 p.m. in the Administration Building of GHI.

If you are unhappy with Rehabilitation as it has affected you, you may come to one of the meetings or you may call one of the members. We invite your comments, commendatory as well as derogatory. Members of the Committee are:

Bettie Denson, Chairwoman
345-3696

Tilly Wetter, 345-8116

Don Volk, 474-2406

Mary Weisgerder, 345-7318

Kathy Lewis, 441-2952

Linda Lynch, 474-5405

Susan Gervasi, 474-7680

"Blatant Falsehood"

Last Saturday "Concerned Residents of Greenbelt" left on my doorstep a leaflet labeled "WARNING."

I am suspicious when I receive an unsigned missive. I wonder what the author (apparently authors in this case) had to hide. This time I found out quickly. Anonymity protects the authors of (at least) one blatant falsehood.

The leaflet proclaims, "Phase I was voted in by less than 10% of our members." There is no way that this statement can be squared with the truth.

The initial authorization of rehabilitation was approved by the membership in October 1978. Then called the Basic Rehabilitation program, it received 273 votes, or 17.1% of the total membership. Amended slightly and coupled with a \$5.2 million capital improvement proposal, what is now called Phase I was approved at the August 1979 Special Membership Meeting. Those voting for—394 members, or 24.6% of the total membership—exceeded by far those voting in the negative—48 members, 3% of the total membership. The Phase I program was amended again and resubmitted to the members in May 1980. Then it was approved for the third time, receiving 290 votes, or 18.1% of the total membership, with 22 members, 1.4% of the total, voting in opposition.

Charles F. Schwan

STATE SCHOLARSHIPS

Delegates Joan B. Pitkin and Charles J. Ryan of the 24th Legislative District will award scholarships for the school year beginning September 1981. All students who reside in the 24th Legislative District and who are now attending, have been accepted, or plan to attend college or university at a state institution are eligible to

apply.

Application forms have been mailed to the Guidance Departments of local high schools or may be obtained by writing to Delegate Joan B. Pitkin or Delegate Charles J. Ryan, Lowe House Office Building, Suite 208, Annapolis, Maryland 21401. The deadline for the return of the completed applications is March 31.

Figures Discount "Facts"

As the next Rehab-project-related GHI membership meeting approaches, we are treated once again to dire warnings of impending doom if we dare to approve the continuation of the rehabilitation program.

A flyer (entitled "WARNING") was circulated through GHI this week, unsigned as usual, and stating as "Facts" a number of rhetorical questions generally critical of Phase I results and of Phase II plans. The "Facts" were all very generalized unsupported, and unprovable—except for one. In this one case, the flyer's author(s) claimed that Rehab Phase I was approved by less than 10% of the GHI membership.

This claim is nothing more than a bold faced lie. The actual statistics on membership approval of Rehab and Rehab financing are shown in the attached Table, beginning with the 1979 package which came to be known as "Phase I Rehab."

MOTION	DATE	YES	NO	MEMBERSHIP VOTES	
				CAST	BER-SHIP
Basic Rehab at \$6.4M + Capital Improvements at \$5.2M	8/29/79	394	48	89%	25%
Convert to electric heat	5/28/80	375	133	74%	23%
Finance electric heat at \$4.7M	5/28/80	259	32	89%	16%
Increase Rehab \$1.2M	5/28/80	277	38	88%	17%
Increase Cap. Improv. \$2.2M	5/28/80	291	50	85%	18%
Phase I via HUD; Phase II via tax-exempt bonds		290	22	93%	18%

* "Yes" Votes as % of

Last November, Ronald Reagan was elected by a "landslide," according to most political pundits. He obtained less than half of the popular votes cast, and only one out of every four eligible voters. As in GHI elections most of the people chose not to vote. However, using the same criteria, I would have to say that GHI Rehabilitation has been approved consistently by a "landslide" of the GHI community.

Draw your own conclusions concerning the rest of the statements in the anti-Rehab leaflet.

Bob Spear

Member, GHI Nominations & Elections Committee, 1977 - 1980

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Residents may be eligible for help in paying heating costs this winter, if their total gross household income is less than the amount listed in the table below:

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5	16,080.	1,340.00	309.23
6	18,810.	1,567.50	361.73

Any household that qualifies for this program may be eligible for aid from a minimum grant of \$127 to a high of \$325 toward paying their heating bill. To qualify one does not have to be a homeowner. Renters can also receive assistance.

To apply for assistance, residents should come to the Greenbelt Youth Center on Wednesday, March 11 from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Applicants must bring the following information:

- 1) Both husband and wife's social security numbers
- 2) Proof of income documentation covering the last four weeks (payroll slip, photocopies of Social Security Checks, benefit notice, etc.).
- 3) A list of names, ages, and relationships of all members of the household.
- 4) If you pay directly for heating energy, a copy of a recent bill (paid or unpaid).
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New Center for Basic Skills For Adults Opens at Roosevelt

by Cathie Meetre

Going back to school isn't easy for adults. Jobs, families and hectic schedules make it a difficult commitment. Greenbelters who want to improve their basic skills or get a high school equivalency diploma can now attend a free adult program at Eleanor Roosevelt Senior High.

This program, the first of its type in the county, is organized to allow adults to attend at their convenience. Students are assigned personal tutors in math, reading and English and will be able to take advantage of short courses in social studies, science, career development and other topics. There is no minimum attendance requirement: students have their choice among the days and times the center is open.

Participants don't have to be working toward their high school diploma. This program is useful to all those who wish to improve their skills, for work, helping their children, or simply in order to feel better about themselves. In particular, it is hoped that those who have severe reading problems will attend. *News Review* readers are encouraged to pass this information to anyone they know who could use help in reading.

Many students return to school feeling nervous that they will seem stupid, and that they have forgotten everything. In fact, though some things have been forgotten, students are always

surprised and pleased to find that in the helpful and supportive atmosphere of the center, they quickly awaken old skills and make excellent progress.

English as a second language is an integral part of the curriculum at the Roosevelt center. The classes are designed to suit all comers, from the complete beginner to those who wish to study writing and citizenship. Classes are taught in English and emphasize adult survival skills and acculturation for the roles of worker, consumer and parent. As the student becomes more able to cope, reading, writing and more specialized vocabulary are introduced.

Registration may be made at any time the center is open. The programs are free except for some inexpensive books that students are recommended (but not required) to buy. Classes are held on Monday and Wednesday from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. and on Saturday mornings from 9 a.m. to 12 noon. Prospective students and interested members of the community are invited to visit the center and ask any questions they may have.



CITY OF GREENBELT MARYLAND NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

At its regular meeting of February 23, 1981, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1981-2 (Resolution No. 469); and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1981-2

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUBTITLE "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SUBTITLE 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 12, TITLE "EMPLOYEE RELATIONS BOARD", TO PROVIDE FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF FIVE MEMBERS, THEIR SUCCESSION AND REMOVAL; AND TO PROVIDE FOR QUORUM, PROCEDURE, AND POWERS OF THE BOARD

The above charter amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 14th day of April, 1981, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage which shall be the 4th day of April, 1981, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter amendment be submitted on referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt.

A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland - Telephone 474-3870.

James K. Giese, City Manager

Michiline Commended By Maryland Senate

On Friday, February 27, pole vaulter Joe Michiline received a unanimous proclamation from the Maryland State Senate commending him for achieving a place on the U.S. Deaf Olympics team. State Senator Ed Conroy presented Michiline with the proclamation and conveyed the Senate's congratulations and best wishes for success.

The presentation was made at a dance sponsored by the Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club to benefit the Joe Michiline Fund. The fundraisers'

N.O.W. MEETING

The Northern Prince Georges N.O.W. chapter will hold its Wednesday, March 11 meeting at the Greenbelt Library beginning at 7:30 p.m. Cheyl Hepfer, a lawyer with the Women's Legal Defense Fund, will be the guest speaker. She will be discussing legal services available to women in Prince Georges County and how women can obtain these services. For more information, call 345-8397.

goal is to raise the \$4000 needed to send Joe Michiline to the Deaf Olympics being held in July in Germany.

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ity. Distances range from 3 miles (2 laps) to 25.5 miles (17 laps). Riders will compete for prizes, certificates, and ribbons. There is a registration fee.

Helmets are required for all riders, and ten-speed type bicycles are recommended. Registration begins at the Holly Picnic Area at 11:30 a.m. Sunday. For further information contact Larry Black, president of the National Capital Velo Club, sponsor of the races, at 864-2211.

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North End School Closes

(Continued from page 1)

ported that APB and PRAB also felt the city should try to acquire the property or at least be very involved in any decision on its disposal. Although no group had any specific recommendation or eventual use for the school, many ideas for possible uses were gathered.

Beck felt a comprehensive list of the present community programs at the school would be lost if the city did not become involved in the property. Toni Bram, vice-chairman of PRAB, noted that the city has invested a great deal of money and labor, about \$8,000, on the fields around the school. The playing fields are used almost year round by the Greenbelt Recreation Department with Little League and ladies softball and the Greenbelt Girls' and Boys' Club with soccer.

Mary Ellen Baker from Park and Planning stated that the school was necessary for the 6-week summer playground program run by the Park and Planning Commission in conjunction with the city. Currently the program uses two classrooms, a multi-purpose room, bathrooms, offices and phones, and the whole outdoor area. It is likely that Park and Planning money for that summer playground would be put in the general leadership fund unless the city finds an alternate site, she explained. Although a program can be run entirely outdoors with the use of a storage box and jiffy john, Baker felt a school location was preferable because it could provide shelter on rainy or hot days and for arts and crafts activities.

Bram noted that the heavily populated North End did not have many other playgrounds. Katherine Keene felt the property would eventually become very important as land behind the school site is developed. APB Chairman Don Volk noted that a bikeway/pathway is proposed for the school property to eventually connect the Stream Valley Trail behind Northway with a Perimeter Trail through parcels 1 and 2. At the very least, he felt, the city should get a right-of-way for this path.

Those present felt a quick decision should be encouraged to

avoid possible vandalism. The consensus reached was that the city should acquire the property for community use and continue to make it available for recreational activities. Costs for the city to maintain the property are estimated at about \$100,000 a year. No specific plans were proposed, but many ideas were bantered about. These included a walk-in clinic, cultural Arts Center Theater, condominiums for seniors or singles, possibly divorced parents, day care centers, or storage rental space.

Several ideas for schools were mentioned. Using the building for an off-campus facility for the U. of Maryland or Prince Georges Community College was one of these ideas. Others included before and after school care with transportation to and from Center Elementary School. Another idea was a prep school for grades 1-8 to prepare for entrance into Eleanor Roosevelt Technology Center. A Christian school or consortium of several schools was also suggested. Monsignor O'Donnell agreed that St. Hugh's could use more space although not all of North End School. He felt the idea could be explored. It could offer flexibility with shared use of facilities for senior citizens or recreational groups, he said. Beck felt that although the city could encourage a school, it would have to be separate from the city government.

Another idea met caution and negative feedback. It was felt the use of the building for office space could pose zoning problems. Keene said, I'd like to see a recommendation that council not consider uses that require a zoning change." Besides, she added, there is too much traffic and not enough parking in the area now. Councilman Richard Castaldi supported her views and mentioned the impending sectional map amendment. In conclusion, the group decided to draft a report outlining present community uses of the building, recommending that the city make every effort to acquire the property even if there is no immediate use for it, and listing possible uses for the school.

At Utopia Theatre

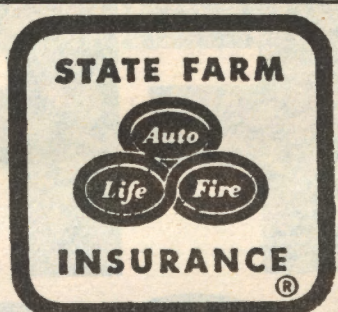
by Paula Lipman

Wait Until Dark, directed by Lu Chadwick and Angela Schreiber, will open March 13 at the Utopia Theatre and play the following dates: Fridays and Saturdays, March 13, 14, 20, 21, 27 and 28 at 8:15 p.m.; and Sunday matinee, March 29, at 2:30 p.m.

Those who enjoyed **Night Watch** last March will find **Wait Until Dark** equally suspenseful and exciting. Sam Hendrix, a photographer, has been sent out of town on a phony assignment. His young wife, Susie, blind and alone in a Greenwich Village apartment, must outsmart three desperate and dangerous criminals. Action and suspense abound in this spine-tingling thriller.

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Boys & Girls Club

Basketball Schedule

The basketball schedule for March 7 is as follows: Greenbelt 10 year old Boys vs. Bladensburg at 12 noon at SHLRC and Greenbelt 12 year old Boys vs. Bladensburg at 2 p.m. at SHLRC. On March 10 the Greenbelt 11 year old Girls vs. Langley Park at 6 p.m. at the Youth Center and the Greenbelt 15 year old Girls vs. Langley Park at 8 p.m. at the

Youth Center.

The Intramural Tournament begins on March 7 at 9 a.m. at the Youth Center. This tournament is under the direction of Bill Barron, intramural commissioner. The Greenbelt Club will be represented by four teams coached by Ed Evans, Steve Leslie, Bob Luddy, and Jerry Schaffer. St. Hugh's will be represented by two teams coached by Ernie Fellows and Jim Heaney. Tournament pairings and game results will be posted in the Youth Center.

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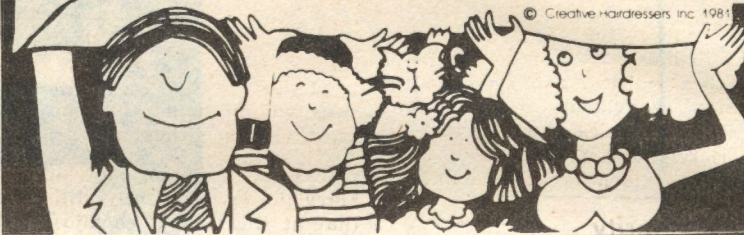
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24th Annual Meeting of the Members

Tuesday, March 24, 1981 at 8 p.m.

City Council Meeting Room, City Office Bldg.

25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland



AGENDA

CALL TO ORDER - 8:00 P.M.

MINUTES OF 23D ANNUAL MEETING

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

TREASURER'S REPORT

LOAN COMMITTEE REPORT

PLANNING COMMITTEE REPORT

MEMBER RELATIONS COMMITTEE REPORT

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

a) Nominations and Elections Committee Report

b) Elections

c) Vote to amend By-Laws Article 3 Section 3

The word FIFTEEN in the last sentence to be changed to FORTY-FIVE.

The sentence will then read:

The status of share and loan accounts with regard to voting rights shall be determined from the records of the Association at the close of business forty-five days before the date of the meeting at which the vote is to be taken.

ADJOURNMENT (11:00 P.M.)

NOTE: THE ORDER OF THE ABOVE ITEMS MAY BE ALTERED AT OR BEFORE THE TIME OF THE MEETING

All members of Twin Pines Savings and Loan Association are encouraged to attend this meeting. Refreshments will be provided.

CANDIDATES FOR ELECTION:

Board of Directors

(Three are to be elected for three years, one for two years)

Joseph Timer
John Maffay
Melvin T. Melloy
Harold Siegel
Bruce Bowman
John Unger

Member Relations Committee

(Four are to be elected for two years)

Joseph (Bob) Greig
Charles F. McNitt

Nominations and Elections Comm.

(Three are to be elected for two years)

Gail Drake
Ruth Davis
Stanley Yarkin
Bernina McGee

All candidates were nominated by the Nominations and Elections Committee.

Greenbelt Boys & Girls Club Registration

SIGN UP PROGRAM

Cheerleaders - Age 8 thru 18, any Saturday

Spring Soccer - Age 5 thru 12 (Birth yr. 1968 thru 1975)

Dates
28 Feb 10-12 Youth Center
7 Mar 10-12 Youth Center
14 Mar 10-12 Youth Center

Softball - Girls Age 8 to 18 (Birth yr 1962 thru 1972)

Dates
7 Mar 10-12 Youth Center
14 Mar 10-12 Youth Center
21 Mar 10-12 Youth Center

Baseball - Boys Age 13 to 16 (Birth yr 1964 thru 1967)

Dates
14 Mar 10-12 Youth Center
21 Mar 10-12 Youth Center

On 21 and 28 Mar 12:30 to 1:30 Springhill Lake
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State Legislature Faces 95 "Drunk Driver" Bills

by Edith Beauchamp

Drunk driving is one of the biggest issues of the 1981 legislative session in the Maryland General Assembly. Approximately 95 bills have been introduced on the subject in the House and Senate, and Governor Hughes has proposed six bills on the recommendation of a task force he appointed.

The sheer volume of drunk driving bills before the legislature indicates the complexity of the issue and the variety in the approaches to dealing with the problem. Many people are pushing the Governor's package as a necessary first step with the possibly realistic view that none of the other bills will have the political weight behind them to pass this year.

The bills will probably face the toughest opposition in the House Judiciary Committee which has scheduled a hearing on them March 11. Traditionally this committee has voted down changes which the Senate has endorsed.

Delegate Joseph Owens, chairman of the Judiciary Committee, has opposed many of the Driving While Intoxicated (D.W.I.) bills in the past, although this year he is a member of the Governor's task force and the Governor expects Owens to support the package. The focus of most of the D.W.I. bills is to tighten the laws so that the drunk driver is more easily convicted, and given stricter penalties as a deterrent to repeating the crime. Some bills seek to identify the habitual

drunk driver so that he may be rehabilitated. Many of the bills are modeled after current laws in other states.

Governor's Package

The Governor's package consists of House Bills 742 through 747 and Senate Bills 493 through 498. The House and Senate versions are identical.

HB 743/SB 496 lowers the percentages of alcohol in the blood needed to convict a person of having their driving ability im-

paired or of being intoxicated. records of a stay of judgment or "probation before judgment" given to an individual convicted of any motor vehicle offense punishable by imprisonment (just about any drunk driving offense).

HB 742/SB 498 requires the Motor Vehicle Administration to keep

receiving a driver's license, the license will be revoked for at least five years.

The intent of this bill is to cut down on the incidence of teenage drinking and driving as statistics seem to indicate that these young, inexperienced drivers cause a disproportionate number of alcohol-related accidents.

HB 55 provides that anyone convicted more than once of driving while intoxicated will lose his license to drive for ten years.

HB 56 provides that a person found in a parked vehicle off the roadway may not be arrested for driving while impaired or intoxicated. The intent of this bill is to encourage the drunk driver to pull off the road and "sleep it off."

HB 101 would lower the blood alcohol content levels, to .07 for impaired and the .10 for intoxication. The State Toxicologist and the Medical and Chirurgical Faculty testified that alcohol starts to seriously affect bodily functions at a level of .05. There is some dispute over the accuracy of blood alcohol level tests between .05 and .07 or .08, however.

HB 593 permanently revokes the driver's license of anyone who refuse to submit to a chemical test for alcohol and is later found to have been guilty of drunk driving. This situation now happens frequently. But even more frequently people refuse to take the breath or blood test, and can not be convicted because of a lack of evidence against them. The harsh penalty of permanently losing their driver's license if they are convicted may encourage people not to take the gamble.

HB 594 is similar to the Governor's bill dealing with people who switch their choice of a chemical test to delay taking it until the time limit expires. In addition it provides that if a person is unconscious or dead because of an accident they are presumed to have consented to a chemical test for alcohol. Under current law, if the driver causing the accident is unconscious, a test can not be done unless he wakes up before the time limit has expired and gives his permission.

HB 1535 — deals with probation before judgment dispositions. While it is similar to the administration bill, Devlin's bill adds two features. First it would prevent insurance companies from canceling the policy of a person receiving a P.B.J. "Anyone given probation before judgment would be cancelled immediately by their insurance company if the comp-

any ever found out," he said. Devlin's bill would require that a judge not grant more than one P.B.J. to a person.

The Governor's bills and Devlin's bills are only a few of the large number of bills before the legislature. Other bills that Greenbelt citizens might want to look at are House Bills 37, 53, 176, 177, 418, 713, and 1514 sponsored by Delegate Joan Pitkin and Senate Bills 859 and 1053 sponsored by Senator Edward Conroy.

Persons may call Annapolis (858-3886) to inquire about the status of bills or to receive copies of bills.

(NEWS REVIEW staff reporter Edith Beauchamp has recently joined the staff of Delegate Gerard Devlin as administrative assistant. She has been working on D.W.I. legislation.)

Council Endorses Task Force Bills

by Leta Mach

On Monday, February 24, city council quickly demonstrated its agreement with petitioners Pat and Charles Tompkins by voicing support for a package of bills recommended by the Governor's Task Force on the Drinking Driver. Council moved to send letters supporting the bills to Joseph Owens and all other members of the Maryland House Judiciary Committee which will shortly be considering them.

The Tompkins', who lost their eldest son last fall to a drunk driver cited some statistics for council. Seven-hundred people were killed in Maryland last year and 90% of these accidents were alcohol related. This year, 21 people have been killed and 10 were related to alcohol. Tompkins explained, "We feel we can be safe, but we can be hit and can be killed," they said.

"I was one of those citizens who was willing to let the legislators do their job without my help, but

I was caught short," said Pat Tompkins, explaining her present commitment. This year there are many bills dealing with the problem, and she felt the Governor's package had the best chance. (See accompanying article.) However, over the past nine years, many such bills have come to Owen's committee and failed. "The police need help," she said.

Although "We generally only take a position on things particular to Greenbelt," Mayor Gil Weidenfeld could not imagine any opposition to council support of the bills. "All of us have been losing by the carnage wrought by drunk drivers" explained Councilman Thomas White. "I'm sympathetic to the request," added councilman Charles Schwan. Citizen Tony McCarthy, a former prosecutor, felt the laws were of concern to all communities and should be supported. Councilman Richard Castaldi concluded that it was appropriate for council to "get on the wagon."

paired or of being intoxicated. Maryland law currently stipulates that at the time a chemical test is administered if the blood alcohol content is .10 percent, the person's driving ability is "impaired." Every state in the nation except Mississippi and Maryland consider the .10 percent alcohol content to be prime evidence that the person is fully "intoxicated." In Maryland, a person is intoxicated at .15 percent blood alcohol content, or one and a half times the national norm.

The Governor's bill would lower the amount to .08 for ability impaired and .10 for intoxication.

There are three bills introduced by the Governor dealing with chemical tests for alcohol. One of the bills (HB 744/SB 497) increases the penalty for refusing to take either a blood or breath test to suspension of the driver's license from 60 days to 6 months. Currently the courts suspend a license for an average of only two weeks. Maryland has one of the highest refusal rates for taking these tests.

Another bill (HB 745/SB 493) attempts to deal with the problem of people switching their choice of blood or breath test at the last minute so that the time limit expires and the test may not be administered successfully. The bill allows a police officer to select a test which can be administered if the person seems to be avoiding the test.

HB 746/SB 494 allows for a preliminary (less accurate) breath test to be administered by a police officer if he suspects a person of driving while intoxicated. The test may be given at the site, which helps to screen out the cases where the driver has not had anything to drink or has too little alcohol in his blood stream to be prosecuted. The intent of the bill is to save time and money by not having to bring everyone to the station for a formal test.

Another administration bill (HB 747/SB 495) would take away

records of a stay of judgment or "probation before judgment" given to an individual convicted of any motor vehicle offense punishable by imprisonment (just about any drunk driving offense).

Probation before judgment is only given if the person pleads guilty, is convicted, or pleads nolo contendere (no contest) to the charge. However, the judge must decide that the person is a first-time offender and is highly unlikely of repeating the offense. The person is usually required to participate in an alcohol treatment or education program as a condition for receiving a P.B.J. The P.B.J. disposition is intended to give the person a second chance. The judge determines that a fine or imprisonment is unnecessary as a deterrent to the person committing the crime again. Upon satisfactory completion of the terms of the P.B.J. the person's record is expunged. Otherwise, a person would carry a criminal conviction for drunk driving permanently. The person would be penalized by having to pay exorbitant insurance rates and might lose job opportunities because of the criminal record.

The loophole in current law is that if a person is charged again with drunk driving after the probation period is over, there is no record of the first P.B.J. and the person is again considered a first offender.

The M.V.A. records of P.B.J.'s required by this bill would eliminate the possibility of repeat offenders receiving multiple P.B.J. dispositions, and it would help identify problem drivers. The bill also prevents the record's being used by insurance companies to raise the person's rates.

Devlin's Bills

Delegate Gerard F. Devlin of the 24th District (including Greenbelt) has introduced nine bills on the issue of drunk driving.

HB 54 provides that if a person is convicted of drunk driving within the first five years after

Hearings March 11

Legislative hearings on bills to reduce the toll of death and injury on highways by drunk drivers will be held Wednesday, March 11. The Hearings take place before the House of Delegates Judiciary Committee in the Legislative Services Building in Annapolis. Persons wishing to testify must sign up before the hearing begins at 1 p.m.

Increasing public demand for action on this highway menace has had several effects. The Governor set up a Task Force which studied this problem and prepared a package of six bills. These are aimed at increased control and more severe penalties in the case of drunken driving. At its last meeting the Greenbelt City Council voted to support these measures. Community groups have organized in many places to work for the Task Force bills. Because the Judiciary Committee has regularly killed such bills, these groups are urging people to attend the Hearing and call or write in support. The Committee Chairman, Joseph Owens and P.G. County Delegate members Pauline Menes, Anthony Cicordia and Joseph Vallorio may be reached by a local call to 858-3411.

In addition, a candlelight procession around the State House in support of these bills is planned on Monday, March 9, 6 to 7 p.m.

Greenbelt residents can arrange car pools to the hearings or candlelight procession by calling Pat Tompkins, 474-3858 or Marj Donn, 474-1353.

First Priority

To the Editor:

This year in the Maryland Legislature one of my first priorities is to strengthen the laws dealing with drunk drivers. I have introduced nine bills which approach the problem from a variety of angles and I am cosponsor of two more.

Last week a number of Greenbelters brought this issue to the attention of the Greenbelt City Council which passed a resolution supporting the Governor's package of bills. I am also backing many of these bills, although in many cases I feel that they don't go nearly far enough. Most of the administration bills and many of my own will have a hearing before the House Judiciary Committee on Wednesday, March 11, 1981.

I urge all Greenbelters to familiarize yourselves with this issue. It is complicated, there are no simple solutions, but Maryland has more lenient laws dealing with drunk drivers than just about any other state and it is time the laws are toughened up.

In Bowie over 20 people have been killed in the last year by drunk drivers. I know there are a large number of Greenbelters who have lost family members or were injured because of accidents caused by drunk drivers. And many of these drivers are still on the road!

The penalties for drunk driving in this state are so low, a man convicted of killing a 15 year old neighbor of mine, in a car accident last summer, received a \$200 fine and is still permitted to drive. That man had a blood alcohol level of over .25 at the time of the accident. Our statutes penalize a driver more if he is sober and kills someone with his car than if he is drunk! These laws are archaic and must be changed. I am doing my part.

Gerard F. Devlin

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Rehab Work, Complaints, Water Supply Spokesmen, Financing, Occupy GHI Board

by Sid Kastner

The Greenbelt Homes, Inc. board of directors kept close to the scheduled agenda at its regular meeting, Thursday, Feb. 26, almost succeeding in meeting chairman Don Volk's prediction of an 11:30 finish. An impression gained from the discussion of rehabilitation items was that the renovation project is moving ahead despite some annoyances to individual members. One novel twist during the evening was a list of complaints in reverse from a subcontractor, giving the other side of the coin.

Rehabilitation Operations

In the course of the rehabilitation work, some members have been inconvenienced and this has already led to the creation of an Ad Hoc committee on Rehab. Complaints. A further step was proposed by director Steve Curtis to "bring any perceived problems in the rehabilitation program to the board's attention" by establishing an Ad Hoc Rehabilitation Oversight committee, composed of board members, which would define items needing action by management on the basis of reports by staff inspectors. Some divergent opinions were expressed on this proposal. Staff architect Stanley Sersen advised against "overloading the board", while Bettie Denson, who chairs the Rehab. Complaints committee, saw "nothing new" in such a committee. Director Margaret Hogensen, on the other hand, expressed "total support" for the idea, and the board authorized the new committee on a motion by Curtis.

Member Complaints

Later in the meeting Denson reported a number of complaints her committee had received. These included faucets being replaced despite member objections with extra payment requested on the spot by the plumbing subcontractor; improper conduct by younger workers; and personal articles reported missing. The committee recommended that GHI assume responsibility in those cases where rehab workers wouldn't, and Denson further asked the board "What procedure is there for reimbursing members for rehab errors?" She noted that to dispense such payments from an existing fund her committee needed written authorization from the board.

The report that some money had been collected directly from a member prompted General Manager Kenneth Kopstein to say that "no (such) payments are to be collected from members, for any rehabilitation work". Ray McCawley from the floor warned also that vague specifications such as WSSC's on the matter of faucet replacements "could lead to rip-offs by subcontractors". Director Della Donaldson urged that information on the rights of members be widely published.

A counter-argument came from one subcontractor who was in attendance; he stated that "there will be some jobs for which the member will be paying separately", to which Kopstein agreed, if they were "extra arrangements." The subcontractor, who has been installing new windows and has had to remove some air conditioners to do so, emphasized that there were some situations where the only way to get the work done was to charge an additional fee. He also listed a number of difficulties his firm had encountered with hostile

members and dogs etc., and concluded in good humor by saying "subcontractors have their problems too."

Board Liability

On another matter indirectly related to the rehab project, manager Kopstein reported that he had met with GHI's counsel on the general subject of liability of board members for the project and their responsibilities in the course of contacts with outside agencies. Following upon this, director Hogensen moved to affirm that "board policy is that no member of the board may speak for the board as a whole, especially in contacts with outside agencies or contractors, unless specifically authorized by the board as a whole." Director Carl Conrad took exception to the statement and defended his own past outside contacts as being helpful to the corporation. Kopstein remarked that the motion was aimed only at actions which were "derogatory" to GHI's interests. When Denson from the floor asked "what brought all this up?" chairman Volk explained that problems had been encountered in dealing with county agencies. Denson and director Ed James expressed some support for Conrad's position while Audit committee members Katherine Keene and Frank Gervasi saw the board's responsibility as a joint "collegiate" one. The motion passed, whereupon, on a further motion by Hogensen, a copy of its statement will be given to all contractors doing business with GHI.

Water Supply

Kopstein reported that negotiations with the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC) on installing water mains and individual water meters in the 992 frame homes — in which corroded galvanized pipes need to be replaced — have proven "fruitful" and will lead to "favorable conditions" from GHI's point of view. WSSC would charge GHI a reduced rate for house connection and allow payment on a deferred basis. WSSC would replace, and in future maintain, all water mains up to each of the 189 frame unit buildings and install the water meters, while GHI would replace and maintain all water mains under the buildings and provide branch piping into the units. GHI would also grant utility easements to WSSC on land where the new pipes are installed by WSSC.

Accordingly, Kopstein asked the board to authorize a formal letter to WSSC requesting that the joint project be undertaken. He and chairman Volk recommended that the project be placed on the agenda of the annual meeting in May for ratification by the membership. After some brief questioning about the possible impact of this outlay on GHI's budget, all board members appeared satis-

fied and an appropriate motion was unanimously passed.

NCCB Financing

At the request of the National Consumer Cooperative Bank (NCCB), the staff asked the board for authority to carry out closing arrangements on a \$4.5 million loan commitment for rehabilitation contingency. There is presently some concern about the future course of the Cooperative Bank because of the political climate, prompting NCCB to ask to proceed with closing, subject to membership approval. In a short discussion before the action was approved, director James noted that some of the interest on the escrow account thus set up might be used to buy shares for GHI in NCCB. Kopstein agreed and commented that GHI would gain thereby.

The manager brought up another useful commitment recently negotiated in a working arrangement between GHI, NCCB and Twin Pines, whereby an amount of \$2.4 million would be used to create a secondary mortgage market. This would provide additionally available financing for GHI units and give a higher yield to Twin Pines, while GHI would benefit without incurring any further liability itself. Kopstein explained that Twin Pines has "enthusiastically endorsed" the plan, which incidentally would be one of only two in the whole country. Only one possible obstacle remains, in the form of an NCCB requirement of variable interest rates. In response to a question from James, he stated that Twin Pines would be buying back low interest loans rather than making new ones. The staff's suggested motion was put by director John Lewis and passed.

Other Items

The staff recommended that a request from a member to extend subleasing privileges for a further two years should be denied "rather than grant waivers to a blanket policy", urging instead that the board "enumerate specific situations where subleasing is permitted." The board was fairly divided on that request, as evidenced by a split vote on Donaldson's motion to grant the exception. (That motion failed.) Instead, a motion was passed to refer the subleasing question to the Member Relations and Finance committees.

Curtis proposed the creation of an annual award for Outstanding Employee, which he suggested might be paid for by voluntary board member contributions and, in fact, offered two months of his own board salary to start off with. The first award would be presented at this spring's annual membership meeting. This was endorsed by management as an "excellent idea" which was already being considered and could be paid for by the corporation.

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NOTICE OF CHARTER AMENDMENT

At its regular meeting of February 2, 1981, the City Council of Greenbelt, Maryland, adopted Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1981-1 (Resolution No. 468); and the following Title of the Resolution is a fair summary of the amendment:

Charter Amendment Resolution Number 1981-1

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT ADOPTED PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY OF ARTICLE 11E OF THE CONSTITUTION OF MARYLAND AND SECTION 13 OF ARTICLE 23A OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND (1957 EDITION AS AMENDED), TITLE "CORPORATION-MUNICIPAL", SUBTITLE "HOME RULE", TO AMEND THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, SAID CHARTER BEING SUBTITLE 40 OF ARTICLE 17 OF THE CODE OF PUBLIC LOCAL LAWS OF MARYLAND (1963 EDITION AS AMENDED) AND CONTAINING IN WHOLE OR IN PART THE CHARTER OF THE CITY OF GREENBELT, BY REPEALING AND REENACTING WITH AMENDMENTS SECTION 54, TITLE "CUSTODY OF MONEYS", TO PROVIDE THAT THE PROVISIONS OF THE SAID SECTION SHALL NOT BE APPLICABLE TO THE DEPOSIT AND INVESTMENT OF MONEYS DEFERRED UNDER AN ESTABLISHED DEFERRED COMPENSATION PLAN.

The above Charter amendment shall become and be considered a part of the Charter of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, according to the terms of the amendment, in all respects to be effective and observed as such, upon the 24th day of March, 1981, unless on or before the fortieth day after passage, which shall be the 14th day of March, 1981, there shall be presented to the Council of the City of Greenbelt, Maryland, or mailed to it by registered mail, a petition for referendum signed by twenty percent or more of the persons qualified to vote in the general election of the City of Greenbelt, requesting that the above Charter amendment be submitted on referendum to the voters of the City of Greenbelt. A copy of the above Charter Amendment Resolution is posted in the Greenbelt Municipal Building in accordance with the requirements of Section 13(d) of Article 23A of the Annotated Code of Maryland, and may be obtained from the City Clerk, 25 Crescent Road, Greenbelt, Maryland - Telephone 474-3870.

James K. Giese, City Manager

Police Con't from p. 1

an addition to the evening's agenda, that the city's Community Relations Advisory Board be asked to work with the Police Department to propose various ways in which city residents might help police efforts to reduce the rate of breakings and enterings. Weidenfeld said he is looking for "preventative medicine" in addition to the present Crimestoppers program. He gave as an example the "Crime Watch" concept used elsewhere in the country, involving billboards and other publicity to encourage people to report to police any suspicious activities in their neighborhoods. Weidenfeld's proposal won the agreement of the three other council members present (Councilman Richard Pilski was absent).

Bikes in Center

Bob Dove, President of the Golden Age Club, presented a petition to council signed by 84 club members age 60 or over which asked that bicycles be kept out of Greenbelt's Center Mall. Mayor Weidenfeld recognized that this has been a problem for a number of years, and told Dove that the city manager and the police chief would be directed to address and try to minimize the problem. City Manager Giese reported that new signs prohibiting bicycles in the Center have been received.

P.G. Schools Celebrate Women's History Week

During Women's History Week, March 8-14, the Prince Georges County Public Schools will sponsor special activities saluting the outstanding contributions women have made to society.

Among the activities being planned are a poster contest, special assemblies and related library media exhibits. Information about the six public schools named in honor of women has been distributed. Three of the schools have a relation to Greenbelt: Catherine T. Reed Elementary named for the first principal of Greenbelt Center School; Eleanor Roosevelt High, and Mary McLeod Bethune Junior High Schools, which are both attended by Greenbelt students.

Bob Hanks Chosen Volunteer of Year

Robert 'Bob' Hanks was presented the Boys' and Girls' Club 1980 Volunteer of the Year Award in recognition of his dedicated service to the youth of Greenbelt. Each year the Greenbelt Recreation Department presents this award to an exceptional volunteer in the Club. Individuals are cited for their outstanding contributions leading to the overall success of the Club's programs.

Bob Hanks has served the Boys' and Girls' Club in a variety of roles for nearly 10 years. His participation on the Board of Directors extends over a period of six years. After serving as the Club's Vice-President, Bob was elected President in 1977. He now serves on several of the Board's Standing Committees. In addition, Bob is head coach for the 115 pound football team.

Club President Ernie Varda noted Bob's continued assistance in all facets of the Club's operation and his faithful participation in its activities.

Former recipients of the Boys' and Girls' Club Volunteer of the Year Award are Patrick and Patricia Gainor and Virginia Lasworth.

Coffee Hour Lectures

"Eighty Years of Imperial Glass" will be the subject of the first of a series of free coffee hour lectures to be held at the Greenbelt library on Tuesday, March 10, 10:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. E. Ward Russell, a glass expert, will speak and also display a glass collection.

The lectures are held in conjunction with the community services department of Prince Georges Community College on Tuesdays through April 14. The public is invited to attend one or all of the sessions. Advance registration is recommended. Call 322-0875.

Lunchtime Lectures

The Student Union Program Council of the University of Maryland in College Park sponsors free weekly Lunchtime Lectures each Tuesday at 12 noon in Room 1133 of the Student Union. All are invited to bring their lunch and attend. The following is the calendar for March:

Mar. 10 - Dr. Virginia Beauchamp, from the U. of Md., Dept. of English (also Greenbelt resident and member of News Review staff) - "Maryland Women in History;" Mar. 24 - Mike Jaworek, Program Advisor, Student Entertainment Enterprises - "Sounds Good to Me - Future of the Music Industry;" Mar. 31 - Dr. Robert Hammond, Chairman, Veterinary Science - "How to Pamper Your Pooch and Mollify Morris."

Recreation Review**Kite Flying Contest**

It's that time of the year again, Kite Flying Season. Prepare those kites now for the Annual Kite Flying Contest. This year, it will be held on Saturday, March 11, 12 noon on Braden Field. Prizes will be awarded in various categories. Further details will be posted in both the Youth Center and SHL Rec. Center.

Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation Classes

To pre-register, call the Rec. Depart. Business Office weekdays, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m., 474-6878. Choose the location most convenient to you. Hours are from 7 p.m.-10:30 p.m. at the following schools: Greenbelt Center Elementary - March 10 and 11; SHL Elementary - March 18 and 19.

Volleyball - Competitive and Recreational

Co-recreational volleyball, both competitive and recreational, is played at the Center School Gym. Competitive games are played on Mon. evenings with recreational on Weds. evenings. Both are from 8:30 p.m.-10:30 p.m. Everyone, age 16 years and over, is welcome.

Police Blotter

Two apartments in Springhill Lake and one in University Square were entered this week, as was a house in Charlestowne Village and one on Research Road. In most cases, TV sets, jewelry, cameras or electronic games were stolen. Entry was gained by windows. In some cases no force was used.

Two juveniles were arrested when they were observed tampering with an auto on Lake Park driveway. They were attempting to steal gas.

As a result of receiving a call from the A&P in the Beltway Plaza, an adult male was arrested for shoplifting.

A lookout was issued for a 22-year old man for enticing a minor from home. A lookout was also issued for a 16 year old female runaway.

Thefts from autos continue to be the most frequent crime committed. The department suggests

ERHS Wins Hockey League

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School "Raiders" made it two years in a row League Champs of the Suburban Schoolboy Hockey League. The "Raiders" closed out the season with wins over Kennedy (6-1) and Paint Branch (7-0) in posting a perfect season. Roosevelt dominated the league in every category. Marty Evans, 16, a junior at Roosevelt in his first year in the nets for Roosevelt racked up 4 shutouts and allowed only 11 goals in 10 games. The Raiders now move on to the League Playoffs where they are heavily favored to win.

that people always lock their autos, keep articles out of sight and attempt to park on well lighted roads.

The crime prevention team of Cpl. Fulgham and Pfc. Watkins put on a program for GHI residents at the Library Tuesday evening, Feb. 24.

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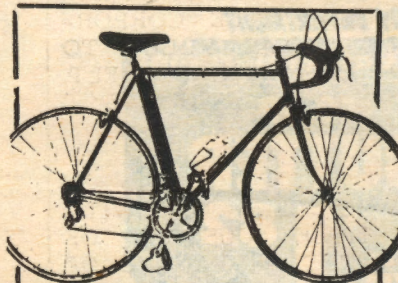
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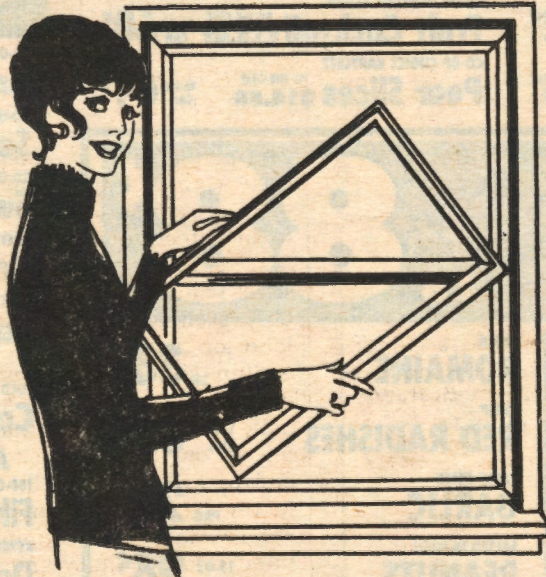
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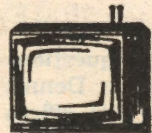
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Meeting on El Salvador

A public meeting on the crisis in El Salvador will be held Tuesday, March 10, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Library.

Members of the Coalition Oscar Romero and the D.C. Committee in Solidarity with the People of El Salvador will give a slide presentation, "El Salvador, A Country in Crisis," and urge the ending of U.S. military intervention in that country.

Dr. Kevin McIntyre of the State Department Office of Caribbean Affairs will give the background and outline the current role of the U.S. Government in El Salvador. This will be followed by questions and discussion with the audience.

The meeting is jointly sponsored by the Greenbelt Peace Committee and the Peace and Service Committee of the Adelphi Friends Meeting (Quakers).

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Hearing on Greenbelt Center Rehabilitation

A public information meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 10 at 8 p.m. in the Council Room of the Greenbelt Municipal Building by the City of Greenbelt and The Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NC-PPC) on the future development of the Greenbelt Center. M-NC-PPC staff will have a two-fold presentation.

A market study undertaken by the Commission, at the request of the City, a summary of the surveys which have been conducted and findings of the potential of the Center as derived from the study and survey will be discussed first.

In the second part of the presentation an analysis of existing conditions at the Center and an assessment of the opportunities and potentials, as well as the constraints for the revitalization of the Center will take place.

A discussion period will follow the presentation in order to receive input from members of the Community.

CITY NOTES

Week of Feb. 27

The parks crew installed new picnic tables and new trash receptacles in the group picnic area of the Lake Park. Several members of the crew cleaned and raked the Crescent Road underpass at Hillside Road.

The general crew repaired streets and cleaned sewers this week. Several valves at the Municipal Pool were removed and replaced and the steps at the Center were also repaired.

Gas was reported missing from the gas tanks of several Public Works vehicles which were parked in the Public Works compound over the past two weekends. Locking gas caps have now been installed on several of the vehicles.

Week of Feb. 23

The parks crew spent time this week cleaning playgrounds. The chipper and the leaf vacuum were both out most of the week. New fence poles were installed at the Northway Park and new trash cans at Candy Cane City.

Fountains were cleaned in parks this week. Also, light bulbs were replaced in some of the tennis courts. Replacement lens covers for these lights were ordered.

The refuse collection crew resumed normal collection schedules today following the holiday schedule adjustment. Special trash requests continue to be very heavy.

Two hundred thirty-three pounds of aluminum was taken to the Reynolds Aluminum Recycling Center this week.

LAS VEGAS NIGHT

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Mail Deadline March 20 For Auto Tag Renewal

Having processed about a quarter-million less tag renewal applications than at this time last year, the Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration reminded motorists again today that the deadline for displaying 1981 validation stickers on all passenger vehicle and motorcycle tags is midnight, March 31.

"Motorists renewing their vehicle registration by mail," said William T. S. Bricker, MVA Administrator, "should do so no later than March 20 to allow time for the processing and delivery of their renewal stickers. Otherwise, the only sure way to secure the stickers in time to meet the March 31 deadline would be getting them in person, which would probably mean standing in line."

"As of March 1," Bricker continued, "motorists may attach the stickers to the upper right-hand corner of passenger vehicle tags and the lower right-hand corner of motorcycle tags. The stickers are pressure-sensitive and should not be moistened."

Vehicle owners who have not yet received their tag applications should contact the MVA immediately, giving their tag number, the title number and identification (serial) number, full name, and present address. This information is necessary to enable the computer-printer to print correct applications. For further information motorists should contact the MVA branch office in their vicinity or call the Glen Burnie

Our Neighbors

Our deepest sympathy to Audrey Boushell, 5-H Ridge Rd., on the recent death of her father, George Gibson, of Liverpool, England.

Glad to hear that Mrs. Dee Ronchi, 13-F Ridge Rd., is on the mend after recently breaking her arm.

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tag renewal information number 768-1800.

Many motorists will not receive their tag renewal applications because they either failed to pay parking tickets, comply with safety equipment repair orders by December 1, or comply with the requirements of the Maryland compulsory insurance law.

Motorists holding outstanding parking tickets will receive a "flagging" letter, similar to a warning letter they previously received, informing them that their tag applications have been withheld, or "flagged," and spelling out the procedure for making payment. Motorists with unsatisfied safety equipment repair orders and those who have not satisfied the requirements of compulsory insurance have already been notified.

Only after a motorist has cleared up all outstanding flags will the MVA issue him or her a tag application.

Insurance

MVA also reminds Maryland motorists that under the state's compulsory insurance law, every motor vehicle registered in the state must be insured in the minimum amounts of \$20,000/\$40,000 for bodily injury, \$10,000 for property damage, uninsured motorist coverage in the same amounts, and \$2,500 for economic loss.

Validation stickers also may be purchased at the Berwyn office or at any MVA branch office from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays, except Monday, March 9, and on Saturday, March 7, from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

CLASS REUNION

The graduating class of 1951 of Greenbelt High School will be holding its 30-year reunion. Anyone with information about addresses of graduates, please contact Shirley Morrison Clute, 114 Lynnbrook Court, Greenbelt.

Thursday, March 5, 1981

ERHS Orchestra Concert

The Eleanor Roosevelt High School orchestra will present a concert on Friday night, March 6 at 8 p.m. at the school. Featured will be a cellist and flutist. The orchestra will play compositions by Saint Saens, Beethoven and Dvorchak. The public is invited; there is a nominal fee. For more information call 441-9071.

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Wednesday, March 11, 8 a.m.

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Saturday, March 14, 10 a.m.

UTOPIA THEATER

These hearings are open forums for the discussion of agenda items for the March 19 Special Membership Meeting listed below. Those wishing to learn more about these important votes are urged to attend.

Members are requested to submit written questions that they would like answered at the hearings to Dennis Lewis, Coordinator of Members Services, at the GHI offices on Hamilton Place.

Members are reminded that the Special Membership meeting will be held Thursday, March 19, 8 p.m. in the Center School Auditorium. Members will be asked to:

- Reaffirm borrowing authority in the amount of \$14,590,000
- Approve establishment of two contingency funds
- Approve additional construction items
- Approve new total mortgage amount of \$16,347,181, and
- Waive GHI bylaws to permit multi-year contracts for rehabilitation

A petition will also be presented to make attic insulation voluntary